

Biography



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Douglas W. Frago is the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations (DAFO) for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations, Frago is responsible for developing and implementing personnel policies and delivery guidelines for State and field FSA employees. Under Frago's leadership, DAFO staff will implement FSA's mediation programs as well as ensure that civil rights initiatives are carried out in each State.

Before being named to this position, Frago served as country director for the U.S. Peace Corps in Russia, Uzbekistan, and Guatemala. As country director, he assisted in the ongoing development efforts in the host countries by working in such diverse fields as agriculture, environmental conservation, small business and community development, education, health, and information technology.

In the early 1990s, Frago was the Northwest Area Director for USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service directing, coordinating, and administering all Federal farm programs and management operations of the State and county offices. During the early 1980s, Frago served as a county committeeman in Merced, California, for the Farmers Home Administration.

Frago, an entrepreneur, has owned and operated Frago Farms for over 30 years. He managed the growth of the enterprise from a single crop, 40-acre farm to a multi-crop, 400-acre operation. Almond and sweet potatoes were the primary crops grown on the farm. The operation has been downsized in the past few years.

A native of Merced, California, Frago is a member of the Blue Diamond Almond Growers Cooperative and several community organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Crop Production from California State Polytechnic University where he also taught crop science for 3 years.

Frago and his wife, Donna, reside in Alexandria, Virginia, and have four grown children.